

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted simultaneously with the National Stage filing of International Application No. PCT/US2004/017794 (filed June 4, 2004) (which is hereby incorporated by reference to the extent it is not otherwise made available).

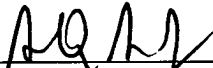
Claims 1-67 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 6-24, 26-28, 31-37, 39, 44, 45, 49-54, and 59-67 have been canceled. New claims 68-73 have been added.

Applicant believes that the new claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance.

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